

What is the cost of the program?

Travel, lodging, and meal expenses for each Fellow are paid by the American Philatelic Society. Travel costs are paid for an accompanying parent or guardian (for Fellows who are not yet 18 years old). Members of the Society donate funds to the YPLF program and without their generous support; the program would not be possible.

Who can apply?

All young adult philatelists between the ages of 16 and 24 are eligible for the YPLF program. To apply for the YPLF Class of 2023, applicants must be at least 16 years of age but may not be older than 24 as of August 1, 2022.

How do I apply?



Complete an application form, write an essay, and obtain two letters of recommendation. Finalists will be interviewed by a team of judges. Application materials can be downloaded at: <https://stamps.org/YPLF>.

All application materials for the Class of 2023 Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship **must** be postmarked by May 15, 2022, and should be sent to:

American Philatelic Society
YPLF Selection Committee
100 Match Factory Place
Bellefonte, PA, 16823

Fellows will be selected by May 31, 2022.

YPLF Class of 2023 programming begins in August, 2023.

My first stamp show opened my eyes to many opportunities in the philatelic world. I was able to learn about stamps and covers, interact with and meet new people, learn new lingo, visit society booths, and attend a first day of issue ceremony.

Grace Rogansky, Class of 2018

For more information and to print an application, visit the website at

stamps.org/YPLF

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Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship



*Creating philatelic leaders
of tomorrow by connecting them
with the leaders of the philatelic
world today*



YPLF Fellows

The Next Generation of Philatelic Leaders

The Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship (YPLF) program connects young stamp collectors between the ages of 16 and 24 with knowledgeable philatelic leaders and access to unique learning experiences.

What is YPLF?

The Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship program was founded by the American Philatelic Society in 2009 to identify and support the best and brightest aspiring young philatelists. The program pays the expenses for exceptional young collectors to attend APS national shows and the APS Summer Seminar on Philately held at the American Philatelic Center

What is the goal of YPLF?

The Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship creates philatelic leaders of tomorrow by connecting them with the leaders of the philatelic world today.

What do Fellows do?

During an intensive, year-long journey through the world of collecting, YPLF Fellows will visit the most exciting places in United States philately with other enthusiastic young stamp collectors.

I am certain that philately has a bright future and feel very honored to be able to foster it for tomorrow.

Ruhit Sinha, Class of 2019

I loved it when people came up to me at shows to share something about their collections or to explain why a particular item they bought from the YPLF booth interested them. For example, a customer showed us a letter (postal history item) displayed in his collection. He transcribed the letter's message and researched the backgrounds of the sender and recipient. In little moments like these you can learn a lot about philatelic material from both collector and seller viewpoints.

Dani Leviss, Class of 2018

During the year Fellows will:

- Receive a one year APS membership
- Meet and make friends with Fellows and alumni Fellows
- Choose a track upon which to focus a year of study
- Learn from an adult mentor and other philatelic leaders
- Complete and present a research project on a chosen philatelic topic
- Operate the YPLF booth at APS shows
- Support youth education efforts in the youth area at APS shows
- Interact with stamp collectors from around the United States

Fellows will travel to:

- 2 Great American Stamp Shows
- American Philatelic Center for APS Summer Seminar on Philately
- APS Winter/Spring Meeting

What is a Fellowship Track?

Upon acceptance into the YPLF program, Fellows choose a specific track upon which to focus their year of study. In each track, Fellows work with mentors to learn more about their chosen aspect of philately. The experience culminates in a year-long project presented at GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW 2023.

Tracks and Projects Include:

Author Track - Choose a philatelic topic and write an article for publication

Curator Track - Create a museum-style exhibit

Dealer Track - Develop a business plan

Analyst Track - Conduct technical analysis of philatelic items

Designer Track - Display philatelic artwork at a national stamp show

Exhibitor Track - Choose a stamp topic and build a philatelic exhibit that tells a story

Additional Tracks and projects are developed to match the needs and interests of individual participants.

Important Dates

August 25-28, 2022 - YPLF Class of 2023 meets at the the Great American Stamp Show in Sacramento, California.

June 19-24, 2023 - Fellows attend the Summer Seminar on Philately in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

August 10-13, 2023 - The fellowship concludes with presentations at the Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland, Ohio.

A year ago, I had no clue that such a large community of stamp collectors existed, and I am now proud to be among the APS ranks.

Tasos Kalfas, Class of 2018